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## Smaller U.S. military feels burden of peace missions, deployments

### Congressional Quarterly

WASHINGTON — Seven years after the collapse of the Soviet Union, U.S. armed forces are working harder than they did during most of the four decades of the Cold War.

The active-duty military is one-third smaller than its post-Vietnam War peak in 1987, but its units are being sent more frequently on missions away from their permanent bases. Two of those missions — Bosnia and the Persian Gulf — have involved thousands of troops and major air and naval forces for extended periods, and the end is not in sight.

By any measure, the armed forces are being stretched. By many measures, the strain is beginning to show. For instance:

- By October, the Army may

### Readiness by the numbers

- Active duty forces at the end of fiscal 1997 totaled 1.4 million, down from 2.17 million in fiscal 1987.

- One of every six U.S. service members is overseas, either at permanent bases in Europe, Korea and Japan, aboard ship or in special deployments.

- Some 37,000 personnel

are in the Persian Gulf as a check on Iraq. No date has been set for their withdrawal.

- About 14,000 personnel are in Bosnia, allied airbases or training in nearby Hungary for the NATO-led peacekeeping force. The commitment is open-ended.

(Congressional Quarterly)

not have any heavy armored divisions it can rapidly send to potential trouble spots. Two divisions kept ready for such a job may have a third of their troops on duty in Kuwait and Bosnia.

- Because of tight training budgets, many Army combat forces cannot conduct field training at their home bases in units larger than a company of

about 200 soldiers. The number of large-scale war games at national training sites in California and Louisiana has been cut back.

- In 1995, fewer than 10 percent of the ground crew chiefs for Air Force F-16 fighters were fresh out of training. By next year, about half the crew chiefs will be brand-new.

Many Republicans and some conservative Democrats on the congressional defense committees, skeptical of peacekeeping and similar operations all along, warn that the pace of operations puts the military at risk.

"We need to determine if we can maintain the tremendous level of involvement around the world at our current force strength and funding level," Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., a member of the Armed Services Committee, said at a panel hearing earlier this year. "I don't think we can."

To change the current policies or to increase Pentagon spending enough to ease the crunch, the critics need the support of military service chiefs. So far, they do not have it. The generals and admirals trooping to hearings on

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## Burton to release full transcripts of Hubbell calls

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Rep. Dan Burton says he will release full transcripts of 54 of Webster Hubbell's taped telephone calls from prison, in a move to quiet accusations that the Republican congressman deleted references favorable to Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Clinton supporters and Hubbell's lawyer say Burton, R-Ind., twisted the meaning of the tapes by selectively releasing excerpts last week that deleted Hubbell's assertion that the first lady was innocent of wrongdoing and that Hubbell was not paid hush money to stop him from cooperating with the Whitewater investigation.

In Washington, Burton said investiga-

tors from his House Government Reform and Oversight Committee had carefully excluded any material that would invade the privacy of Hubbell and his wife, Suzy. He said he was prepared to release the full transcripts today.

"How (Burton) can possibly pretend to conduct an impartial and fair set of hearings in this matter is beyond belief," former Clinton White House counsel Jack Quinn said Sunday on NBC's *Meet the Press*.

On that program, Burton, R-Ind., was confronted with two of Hubbell's taped conversations with his wife in 1996 about the Whitewater investigation.

In one, Hubbell said Hillary Clinton

"just had no idea what was going on" at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock regarding any billing irregularities by attorneys.

Hubbell was serving a sentence at a Cumberland, Md., federal prison after pleading guilty to defrauding the law firm and its clients while he and Hillary Clinton were Rose partners.

In another tape, Hubbell said that despite suggestions in news reports that friends of the Clintons were buying Hubbell's silence in paying hundreds of thousands of dollars in consulting fees, "we know that's not true." Excerpts released last week did not include those comments.

## WWII aviators focus of search in France

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — American military officials are searching a forest in western France for the remains of a B-24 bomber that crashed during World War II, French police said Sunday.

The U.S. team, accompanied by a French specialists, is also trying to find the remains of the nine-member crew of the Liberator plane, which went down Dec. 11, 1944.

The wreck was discovered only a year ago in the Zinswiller forest in France's northern Vosges mountains, not far from the border with Germany.

## Americans warned of violence overseas

By Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW — The U.S. Embassy warned Americans of African and Asian origin to beware of violent neo-Nazi thugs after a black Marine was beaten by a group of skinheads last weekend at a popular outdoor market.

The embassy first warned the expatriate American community about the neo-Nazi danger on April 22, after two young Asian women were severely beaten by a group of more than 20 skinheads near a major boulevard in central Moscow.

Embassy officials declined to discuss any details of the assault.

## Lightning kills guardsman, burns others

By New York Times

A bolt of lightning that struck during a relatively mild storm killed a 22-year-old New Jersey National Guardsman and burned five other reservists, two of them critically, during a routine training exercise in the sprawling pinelands of the Fort Dix military base in central New Jersey Sunday morning, officials said.

The lightning struck a pine tree a few feet from three 10-foot-tall tents at 5:15 a.m. as more than two dozen soldiers from a National Guard artillery unit based in Lawrenceville, N.J., slept.

Lt. Col. John Dwyer, a New Jersey Na-

# Memo renews allegations of political meddling in closures of U.S. bases

By The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — An Air Force memo portraying the White House as pressing to save jobs at a California air base slated for closure has renewed accusations in Congress of political meddling in the base-closing process.

The April 26 memo, which surfaced on Capitol Hill late last week, cited John Podesta, the White House deputy chief of staff, as requesting that a top Pentagon official encourage Lockheed Martin Corp. to go after some of the maintenance business at the air base and keep the work in Sacramento.

Podesta and other senior officials involved in the matter denied they had tried

to apply inappropriate influence. They said they simply were attempting to save taxpayer money by ensuring a vigorous competition for the work at McClellan Air Force Base.

But lawmakers who have led a fight against privatizing depot work decried the memo as fresh evidence that administration officials were seeking still to make good on a promise President Clinton made just before the 1996 elections that many of the 8,700 jobs at McClellan would be preserved.

That move, widely denounced by legislators at the time as a transparent effort to curry favor in vote-rich California, has clouded the base-closing process since.

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Capitol Hill say that at least for now, they can take the strain.

"We are within an acceptable band of readiness and risk," Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Henry H. Shelton told Senate Armed Services on Feb. 3. "We believe that we can make ends meet," Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart told a Feb. 25 hearing of the Senate Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee.

In 1980, Army chief of staff Gen. Edward C. "Shy" Meyer turned the growing

discontent over military readiness into a political issue with his public warning that his service had become a "hollow army."

Today's congressional critics, convinced by anecdotal evidence that the military is closer to the edge than the Pentagon will admit, have been deeply frustrated by the refusal of senior officers to agree with them.

"At what point is someone in your uniform going to step forward and say, 'This won't do. Something is going to change'?" Rep. Gene Taylor, D-Miss., demanded of high-ranking military officers during a March 11 hearing.

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# Kaczynski sentencing is chance for victims to face Unabomber

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The Unabomber's victims have one last chance to confront the man who maimed their bodies and killed their loved ones when Theodore Kaczynski goes before a judge to be sentenced to life behind bars.

The 55-year-old former math professor was to be sentenced today to four life terms in prison plus 30 years for killing three men and maiming two others. The sentence was part of a January plea bargain that saved him from a trial and possible death by lethal injection.

As part of the plea bargain, Kaczynski acknowledged responsibility for all 16 Unabomber attacks between 1978 and 1995. He will be sent to a high-security federal prison, possibly in Lompoc or in Col-

orado.

Whether Kaczynski will speak before U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr., not even his own attorneys can say.

"I don't know what he'll do," defense attorney Quin Denvir said. "I think it's unlikely, but with him, you never know."

A half dozen of his victims or their families do have something to tell the court, however.

Susan Mosser's husband, Thomas Mosser, died in his New Jersey kitchen when one of Kaczynski's bombs shredded his body only a few feet from his wife and daughters. She wants to speak today.

"No one talks about the nails that perforated my husband's heart and shot into his brain," she said.

# Senator calls for another independent investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior Republicans say Attorney General Janet Reno should change her mind and appoint another independent counsel to investigate the campaign fund-raising activities of Democrats and the White House.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who met recently with the Justice Department's top prosecutor on campaign finance, said Sunday that Reno will be presented with new evidence and she "will have no choice but to appoint an independent counsel in the campaign finance thing."

But Charles La Bella, the chief investigator, said that while he did urge Reno last year to seek an outside counsel to look into fund-raising phone calls President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore made from the White House, he was "completely comfortable" with her decision not to do so.

Since then, La Bella said in a statement, Reno regularly has consulted with him, and "I always give her my candid advice, which has not included a recommendation that she seek an independent counsel."

La Bella met last Wednesday with Hatch and Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Fred Thompson, R-Tenn. La Bella, who is leaving his post soon, "has made some good recommendations to the attorney general," Hatch said on *Fox News Sunday*.

# Microsoft warns Wall Street

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid reports of looming antitrust action, Microsoft warned Wall Street today that any delay in the release of its upcoming Windows 98 software would carry "broad, negative consequences" for the entire personal computer industry.

In a letter to about 150

stock analysts, software companies and venture capitalists, Chief Financial Officer Greg Maffei said Redmond, Wash.-based Microsoft was not sure whether the Justice Department or state attorneys general will try to interfere with the launch of Windows 98.

But he said the purpose

of his letter was to outline the possible financial ramifications.

He said the largest computer makers "have already geared up major Windows 98-based marketing and advertising campaigns to tap that early rush. These expenditures will be lost if Windows 98 is delayed..."

# Clinton looks to his last two years in White House

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, closed out a private weekend with their daughter, Chelsea, on Sunday with church services and lunch in the company of an unidentified young man who appeared to be Chelsea's friend.

Later, at a \$1 million fund-raising dinner in Los Angeles, Clinton looked forward to his last two years in office as a noncandidate who, he said, might be able

to break through Washington's partisan politics and tackle big issues such as Social Security and Medicare reforms.

"I'm not running anymore; I'm thinking about what my grandchildren's America is going to look like and I'm going to do my best to get these big, big things taken care of for you in the last two years of my presidency," he said at a dinner for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

"But it cannot be done unless we have people of good will who are thinking about our children and grandchildren instead of how they can cut a wide hole through a spirit of cooperation in Washington and raise the heat and turn down the light for some temporary political benefit," he added.

The president and his wife spent most of the weekend secluded with Chelsea at the estate of Steve Jobs.

# Experiments not over for crew of Columbia

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Columbia and its crew returned to Earth on Sunday, ending two weeks of lab work that advanced brain research despite unexpected animal casualties. And the experiments were far from over.

Within an hour, the crew was hustled off to medical tests that were expected to go on for days. Six of the seven astronauts left on stretchers; doctors wanted them reclining to preserve their weightless state.

At the same time, NASA rushed to unload the animals so scientists could begin dissecting the few dozen surviving

baby rats, as well as the nearly 2,000 fish, snails, crickets and older rodents that flew. Most of the young rats died in orbit, victims of maternal neglect.

It was a race against gravity: the sooner the astronauts and animals could be examined, the greater the likelihood of observing space-induced changes in the nervous system.

"I'm sitting here like a little kid with ants in my pants," said Gay Holstein, a Mount Sinai School of Medicine researcher whose rats flew on Columbia. "I can't wait to get going on my experiment."

To everyone's relief,

Columbia landed right on time at the Kennedy Space Center, where about 200 researchers waited with scalpels.

Commander Richard Searfoss had only two functioning hydraulic power units for most of the hourlong descent. The cooling system for the third unit failed to work Saturday; Searfoss turned that unit on just minutes before touchdown so it would not overheat.

As soon as Columbia rolled to a safe stop, Mission Control congratulated the astronauts for "a historic mission that elevated neuroscience research to record heights."

## Russia delays shuttle schedule

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — Russia's inability to launch a key part of the international space station by the end of the year has wrecked NASA's shuttle flight schedule, U.S. space agency officials said.

"I don't recall a period when we had as many flights in question as we do right now," shuttle program manager Tommy Holloway said after Columbia returned from a two-week science mission Sunday.

The only sure shuttle flights for the

rest of this year are NASA's last trip to Mir to pick up astronaut Andrew Thomas in June, and a science mission to study senior spaceman John Glenn in October.

NASA was supposed to launch Endeavour on the first U.S. station assembly flight in July, 1 1/2 weeks after the Russians sent up the first piece of the new joint station.

But Holloway acknowledged Sunday that Endeavour will fly no earlier than Sept. 4.

## Child injuries on farm focus of study

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — The federal government is funding a study of how children who work on farms are injured.

The government hopes the survey will produce information that can be used to develop programs for preventing injuries.

The study began last week in the Yakima Valley of Washington state, which was chosen because it has a wide variety of farms and crops.

For the next three years, researchers will track the number of farm-related injuries in the area — from tractor rollovers to chemical burns — among children up to age 18.

The study is expected to cost about \$150,000 per year.

Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center in Seattle is in charge of the study.

## College students riot in streets

From wire reports

SEATTLE — Alcohol-fueled partygoers in Pullman, Wash., threw rocks and beer bottles at police in riot gear and started a bonfire in the street in a five-hour disturbance early Sunday that smoke, tear gas and water could not quell.

By the time it petered out on its own just before 6 a.m. Sunday, 23 police officers had been treated at the hospital, most for minor injuries, and three Washington State University students had been arrested. More arrests are likely, Pullman Mayor Mitch Chandler said.

### Jesse Jackson speaks out

ATLANTA — The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. came to Atlanta Sunday to kick off a national campaign to reverse a slide in minority ownership and employment among radio and television stations.

In particular, Jackson challenged the federal government's decision to award broadcasters with \$70 billion worth of digital capability to air cinema-like television.

"This is a real threat to democratic values," said Jackson. "Too few people own too much media."

### Titanic tours offered

Mike McDowell is a star of adventure tourism. For \$19,000, he or one of his companies will sell you a berth on a Russian icebreaker that cuts its way to the North Pole. For \$25,000, he will fly you to the South Pole.

And now, for \$32,500, he's offering 60 people the thrill of a lifetime, a chance to go down more than two miles into the inky depths of the North Atlantic to view the rusting hulk of the Titanic.

There is just one hitch. His "Operation Titanic" has hit something nearly as dangerous as an iceberg: lawyers.

RMS Titanic, the American company that owns the salvage rights to the celebrated wreck and puts on shows of Titanic artifacts, wants no one else near its treasure, not even rich people with cameras. It plans to try to block the tourist venture, which says it already has 45 customers.

## Tensions continue in Cyprus, Turkey

From wire reports

NICOSIA, Cyprus — U.S. presidential envoy Richard Holbrooke failed in his mission to jump-start peace talks between Greek and Turkish rivals on the divided island of Cyprus, sources said Sunday.

Both Turkish and Greek Cypriot officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was no breakthrough in Holbrooke's efforts to restart U.N.-sponsored peace talks on reunifying the island.

During his three-day visit, Holbrooke repeatedly crossed the U.N. buffer zone splitting the island to hold separate meetings with Greek Cypriot leader, President Glafcos Clerides, and his counterpart in the breakaway Turkish Cypriot state, President Rauf Denktash.

### Poland looks to security

WARSAW, Poland — Poland, invited to join NATO next year, will get "certainty, security and guarantees" as a member, President Aleksander Kwasniewski said Sunday.

Kwasniewski's remarks came three days after the U.S. Senate approved the addition of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to the nearly half-century-old North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

### Shell kills six in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam — An artillery shell from the Vietnam War killed six people and injured three others when it exploded in the Mekong Delta province of Tien Giang, local press reports said Monday.

The incident took place last week when farmer Nguyen Van Kieu, 40, threw a 105 mm shell that he had found near his house into a fire.

### Negotiators work to end strike

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Negotiators worked early Monday toward ending a 2-week-old general strike that has stalled transport and travel across Denmark because of fuel shortages.

The strike of some 550,000 workers began April 27 after unions rejected a compromise contract proposal by the employers' group. The main issue of dispute was workers' demand for a sixth week of paid vacation.

## Hopes not high that Albright can break Mideast stalemate

LONDON (AP) — A rigid deadlock confronts Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in back-to-back talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders on the future of the contested West Bank.

At stake in today's discussions was momentum in Yasser Arafat's drive to take control of virtually all of the territory for a state and the Clinton administration's relationship with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

If Albright is unable to

persuade Netanyahu to relinquish about 13 percent, a figure far short of Arafat's goal but acceptable to him in the interim, the administration could suspend its mediation efforts.

That would deprive Israel of its main link to the Arabs and the world at large. President Clinton could order public disclosure of an American formula for settling West Bank and security issues, thereby intensifying pressure on Israel.

At the outset, though, no threats were voiced, only extreme pessimism. Afif Safieh, the Palestinian representative in London, angrily denounced Netanyahu as "a pyromaniac on a powder keg."

Trying his own hand at ending a 14-month stalemate, British Prime Minister Tony Blair set up a parallel schedule, inviting Netanyahu and then Arafat to 10 Downing Street just before their appointments with Albright.

## Tsunami alerts follow quakes

NAHA, Japan (AP) — A major earthquake shook Okinawa and Taiwan early today, setting off tsunami alerts and sending hundreds fleeing for high ground.

No casualties or serious damage was reported.

The earthquake struck at 8:30 a.m. and had a preliminary magnitude of 7.7, according to Japan's Central Meteorological Agency.

The agency immediately issued a tsunami alert for coastal areas in Okinawa, a string of islands in

southern Japan, fearing the offshore quake might generate waves as high as 6 feet. Such waves can cause serious damage.

Hundreds of people on Ishigaki, the island in Okinawa nearest the epicenter, fled by car for high ground. But the first tsunami to reach Ishigaki was only several inches high, and officials rescinded the alert about two hours later.

The quake was centered 12 miles under the seabed 160 miles south of Ishigaki, which has a population

of 43,000. It was also felt on the east coast of Taiwan, where it was strong enough to sway buildings.

Ishigaki City Hall official Nagahiro Uechi said groceries were shaken off of store shelves, but there were no reports of serious damage or injuries.

Had the earthquake hit closer to shore, it could have been catastrophic. A quake registering 7.2 killed more than 6,000 people and flattened the western Japan city of Kobe in 1995.

## Indonesia raises cost of kerosene, gasoline

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — In a move likely to add momentum to nearly daily student protests, the government said today it will raise fuel, electricity and transport costs.

The moves comply with terms of a \$43 billion bailout plan led by the International Monetary Fund, which requires the nation of 200 million people to open up its economy in return for aid.

But the partial lifting of subsidies on fuel and electricity this month will increase the burden on Indonesians who

have seen their once-booming economy slide into ruin since last year.

On Tuesday, the government will raise the price of kerosene by 25 percent and gasoline will go up 71 percent, said Minister of Mines and Energy Kuntoro Mangkusubroto.

The price of city bus fares will increase by 67 percent on Tuesday, he said.

Electricity prices will increase by 20 percent later this month, with further hikes expected in August and November, he said.

# Streisand, Heston battle over movie

**From The Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES — Barbra Streisand's movie about a widow's campaign against handgun violence drew unfriendly fire from staunch NRA activist Charlton Heston. Streisand countered by saying Heston hasn't even seen it.

"We stand by our film," said Streisand, executive producer of the made-for-TV movie, *The Long Island Incident*.

The film tells the story of Carolyn McCarthy, who lobbied for gun control and became a congresswoman after her husband was killed and her son was seriously wounded by a gunman who opened fire on a crowded New York commuter train in December 1993. Six people were killed.

Heston, a National Rifle Association vice president, scheduled a news conference for today to challenge the film's alleged deliberate misrepresentation of the group and elected officials who support it.

The NRA claims a request to preview the movie was denied.

## **Snoop arrested**

LOS ANGELES — A slap in the face

**Faces  
'n'  
places**

brought Snoop Doggy Dogg an arrest for alleged marijuana possession at a comedy concert where the rapper gave an impromptu performance.

The rapper (real name: Calvin Broadus) went on stage with fellow rapper Delmar Arnaud at the *I Got the Hook Up* comedy show Friday night at the Universal Amphitheater. While walking backstage, someone slapped him and he alerted a sheriff's deputy who then searched the rapper after smelling marijuana, said sheriff's Lt. Brad Welker.

Each rapper was found with less than one ounce of the drug, he said. Both were booked for misdemeanor marijuana possession and released after receiving a court appearance citation.

## **Geese invited to posh wedding**

LONDON — Victoria Adams, one of the Spice Girls, doesn't mind the idea of a little honking at her wedding with a British soccer player.

Waddling geese in the garden will be part of the ceremony, the singer known as Posh Spice said on Britain's Channel 4. For her wedding with David Beckham, she wants "all the fancy stuff, the things you see in films."

# Uma, Ethan married in New York

**NEW YORK —** Prospective parents Uma Thurman and Ethan Hawke got married in a cathedral decorated with lilacs, cherry blossoms and candles lining the bride's walk up the aisle, the New York Post reported Saturday.

The actors exchanged wedding vows Friday night at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, a sprawling church in upper Manhattan touted as the world's largest Gothic cathedral. Invited guests included Richard Gere and other celebrities.

Thurman, who's pregnant, wore a plus-size Vera Wang wedding gown. A chapel used for the reception afterward was decorated like the set of *Casablanca*, according to an unidentified church worker quoted by the Post.

It's the second marriage for Thurman, 28. Her ex-husband is fellow actor Gary Oldman, whom she married in 1990. It's the first marriage for Hawke, 27.

Thurman stars in the current release *Les Misérables*.

## Louisiana celebs star in environmental role

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Harry Connick Jr., Aaron Neville, chef Paul Prudhomme and Kermit the Frog are teaming up to build environmental awareness about the problems Louisiana has with coastal erosion.

The state loses 25 to 35 square miles of coastline a year, which bothers Kermit because he has thousands of cousins living in coastal swamps, bayous and marshes.

"For all of us who are lower on the food chain, we thank you" for helping save the wetlands, Kermit says in one of the 30-second public service announcements to air on television. The spots taped by the celebrities were previewed Friday.

## In The Stars and Stripes

### **10 YEARS AGO**

May 4, 1988 — A computer expert who worked for a company that helps operate the Pennsylvania state lottery printed a fake ticket so that he and a friend could share a \$15.2 million jackpot, state officials said.

### **20 YEARS AGO**

May 4, 1978 — The Supreme Court rejected a Colorado man's appeal that it was unjust in the current liberated world to make him pay alimony to an ex-wife who had a master's degree, and had testified she was self-supporting.

### **30 YEARS AGO**

May 4, 1968 — The United States and North Vietnam agreed to meet in Paris to start discussing conditions for possible Vietnam peace talks.

### **40 YEARS AGO**

May 4, 1958 — President Eisenhower proposed that 11 nations, including the Soviet Union, join the United States in a treaty to ensure Antarctica would be used only "for peaceful purposes."

### **50 YEARS AGO**

May 4, 1948 — The House Armed Services Committee approved 28-5 a two-year draft bill. It was the first time the issue had been formally presented before Congress since World War II.



## Sampras beats second seed Stoltenberg

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Top seed Pete Sampras gutted out a 6-7 (2-7), 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) victory over second seed Jason Stoltenberg to win the \$315,000 AT&T Challenge on Sunday.

It was just the third title on clay for Sampras, who has 54 career victories.

"Well, I've won one every three years," said a smiling Sampras, who collected \$45,000 for his two-hour, 40-minute effort. "It's been a tough week, and it was a war out there today. We were both very solid. He didn't give me any free points, and it could have gone either way."

Despite playing on a rain-soaked court once again, thanks to morning showers that caused a 50-minute delay, the players started strongly. Both executed well, but neither gained momentum by capitalizing on the few break points (two for Stoltenberg, one for Sampras) in the first set.

Stoltenberg was the first to gain an edge. With a forehand volley winner at 2-2 and a forehand passing shot at 3-2, the 28-year old Australian then nailed a couple of big serves to take the tiebreaker 7-2.

In the second set, Stoltenberg calmly kept attacking and putting pressure on Sampras, who was more erratic. But Sampras finally found the opening he needed, at 2-3, when Stoltenberg double-faulted. Sampras finally converted on his third break point with a sizzling backhand passing shot up the line, and pumped his fist to the roar of the crowd.

In the third-set tiebreaker, with thunder rumbling and skies darkening, Sampras took over when serving at 3-2. A long Stoltenberg backhand followed by a 127 mph first serve moved Sampras to 5-2. Finally serving for the match at 6-4, Sampras served, volleyed and then took the match when Stoltenberg's forehand passing shot flew long.

## Knicks, Jazz win game 5

**The Associated Press**

We've seen the last of the first round, and we can say goodbye to the Miami Heat and Houston Rockets — thanks to the New York Knicks and Utah Jazz.

We've also seen the first glimpse of the second round, where the Charlotte Hornets' moment of glory didn't last long against the Chicago Bulls.

New York and Utah advanced to the second round Sunday with a pair of comfortable victories that didn't really match the drama each series had already produced.

The Knicks knocked out the Alonzo Mourning-less Heat with relative ease, 98-81, and the Jazz did the same to the Charles Barkley-less Rockets, 84-70.

The Bulls, meanwhile, remained a step ahead of everyone — as well as the lone remaining undefeated

playoff team — by withstanding an early burst by the Hornets in a 83-70 victory.

The second round continues tonight with the Los Angeles Lakers traveling to Seattle for Game 1.



The other two series begin Tuesday with New York at Indiana and San Antonio at Utah.

### Knicks 98, Heat 81

Looking to avenge the disastrous ending to the 1996-97 season when five suspensions resulted from a Game 5 brawl, the Knicks showed the Heat how much they've learned about thriving without their franchise center.

Playoff veterans from Buck Williams (12 points, 14 rebounds) to John Starks (22 points) to Charles Oakley (18 points) complemented Allan Houston's 30 points,

and the Knicks kept their poise after Miami used a 21-3 run to close within two points midway through the fourth quarter.

### Jazz 84, Rockets 70

Clyde Drexler and the Rockets, after being on the verge of one of the biggest upsets in NBA playoff history, went down horribly.

Drexler was 1-for-13 from the field and just 4-for-10 from the line in the final game of his career.

### Bulls 83, Hornets 70

Michael Jordan had 35 points and Scottie Pippen 25, scoring just 10 fewer than the entire Hornets team, as the Bulls pulled away in the fourth quarter to win their fourth straight playoff game.

Charlotte, which ran out to a 30-15 lead but was up only one at the half, scored just 10 third-quarter points and finished with 32 in the second half.

## Canadiens slap Penguins in first round of playoffs

**By The Associated Press**

So far, form is holding up pretty much in the Stanley Cup playoffs — in the Western Conference, at least.

The East is a different story.

"Now, anything's possible," Montreal captain Vincent Damphousse said after the Canadiens beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-0 Sunday night to close out their first-round series in six games.

It was yet another upset in the East, which has seen the top three teams eliminated. The No. 3 Philadelphia Flyers were ousted by No. 6 Buffalo on Friday, the top-seeded New Jersey Devils erased by No. 8 Ottawa on Saturday and No. 2 Pittsburgh knocked by No. 7 Montreal.

Tonight, Colorado plays Edmonton in the decisive Game 7.

### Canadiens 3, Penguins 0

At Montreal, Andy Moog made 21



saves for his fourth career playoff shutout, while Mark Recchi, Jonas Hoglund and Saku Koivu scored for the Canadiens.

The Canadiens play Buffalo in the second round beginning either Thursday or Friday. The Canadiens are 4-2 in playoff series against the Sabres, with a sweep in their last meeting in the second round in 1993.

### Capitals 3, Bruins 2

Brian Bellows scored after 15:24 of overtime and Olaf Kolzig stopped 47 shots as visiting Washington beat Boston to advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

One minute after Peter Bondra put a slap shot off the post, Bellows shot one between Byron Dafoe's legs as the Capitals advanced to the second round.

# Belle ties career high to lead White Sox

**By The Associated Press**

Albert Belle is starting to break out — and the White Sox hopes it will give them a spark.

Belle tied his career high with six RBIs as Chicago won 12-1 at Anaheim on Sunday to stop a three-game losing streak.

"I hope this is the beginning of a continued offensive outburst. We should be more consistent," Chicago manager Jerry Manuel said, sounding much like he did after Wednesday's 16-7 win over Baltimore.

Belle, who also drove in six last Aug. 22 at Texas, gave the White Sox (11-17) a 1-0 lead with a run-scoring single in the first, made it 3-0 with a third-inning sacrifice fly and 6-0 with a three-run homer



in the fifth, chasing Angels starter Jason Dickson (1-4) with his sixth of the season. Belle added an RBI double in the sixth off Greg Cadaret.

**Yankees 10, Royals 1**

Paul O'Neill and Jorge Posada homered at Kauffman Stadium as the Yankees (20-6), off to their best start since 1958, won for the 19th time in 21 games.

**Mariners 10, Tigers 6**

Dan Wilson hit the first inside-the-park grand slam in Mariners history, and Randy Johnson (2-1) won his second straight start.

**Red Sox 2, Rangers 1**

Pedro Martinez (3-0) shook off a two-game slump and shut down baseball's

best hitting team at Fenway Park.

**Orioles 2, Twins 0**

Mike Mussina (3-2) allowed two hits in 7 2-3 innings at Camden Yards in his return from the disabled list, and Baltimore won a series for the first time in three weeks.

**Indians 10, Devil Rays 8**

Sandy Alomar hit a two-out, two-strike grand slam as Cleveland rallied from an 8-5 deficit in the ninth against Roberto Hernandez (0-2) at Jacobs Field.

**Blue Jays 6, Athletics 3**

Woody Williams (3-1) took a no-hit bid into the sixth at Oakland, and Carlos Delgado and Darrin Fletcher connected off Dave Telgheder (0-1) for their first homers of the season.

# Errors boost Mets to 5-2 win over Rockies

**By The Associated Press**

The New York Mets were sure to win again and the Houston Astros were bound to lose. All it took was a few key defensive plays by the opposition.

The Mets scored four unearned runs thanks to three infield errors by the Colorado Rockies as New York stopped a six-game losing streak by beating the Rockies 5-2 Sunday.

"As the ball bounces in most every situation around baseball, it bounces your way in streaks, and it bounces away from you in streaks,"

Mets manager Bobby Valentine said after his team ended its longest losing streak since August 1996.

Houston had gotten those bounces recently, winning eight straight games, including three against the Mets last week.

That ended Sunday, when Philadelphia turned two double plays in the final three innings, including one started on a stellar effort by second baseman Mark Lewis, to beat the Astros 5-3.



Lewis made a diving stop of a grounder back up the middle in the eighth and flipped to Desi Relaford, who completed the 4-6-3 double play.

**Dodgers 10, Pirates 5**

At Pittsburgh, Chan Ho Park helped himself with a two-run double as Los Angeles scored five runs in the second inning.

**Giants 12, Braves 8**

Rich Aurilia had the first two-homer game of his career, and visiting San Francisco pounded major league ERA leader Tom Glavine.

**Marlins 1, Padres 0**

Rookie Jesus Sanchez got

his first career win, combining with two relievers on a five-hi

**Expos 4, Diamondbacks 1**

Dustin Hermanson pitched a two-hitter and Vladimir Guerrero homered for the third straight game as visiting Arizona lost its sixth straight.

**Cardinals 8, Cubs 5**

At Chicago, Brian Jordan and John Mabry homered as St. Louis overcame a three-run, sixth-inning deficit.

**Reds 5, Brewers 3**

Brett Tomko (4-1) scattered eight hits in seven-plus innings and visiting Cincinnati made quick work of Cal El-dred.

# Martin outdistances field for California 500 win

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — Gas mileage was no problem for Mark Martin this time.

A year ago, Martin saw his chance to win the inaugural California 500 disappear when he had to make a late stop for gas. On Sunday, he had more than enough to put away the rest of the field in California 500 for his third victory of the season.

"This was a redemption for last year," the diminutive driver from Arkansas said after leading 165 of the 250 laps on the 2-mile banked oval.

"It was a pretty big disappointment last year with our fuel mileage thing," Martin added. "Ever since then, we've done better in that department, and my guys are giving me plenty of horsepower, too."

Martin averaged 140.220 mph on the way to the 25th vic-

tory of his Winston Cup career. He won \$141,375.

The winner took the lead for the final time on lap on lap 206, during the final round of green-flag pit stops, and beat new series points leader Jeremy Mayfield to the finish line by 1.287-seconds — about 15 car-lengths.

Terry Labonte finished a distant third, followed by 1997 race winner, defending series champion Jeff Gordon and three-time titlist Darrell Waltrip. Labonte, a two-time Winston Cup champ, moved into second place in the standings, trailing Mayfield by 36 points and leading Hendrick Motorsports teammate Gordon by 11.

Ironically, Gordon lost his chance to repeat last year's victory — a race in which he made his final tank of gas last just long enough to win — when he had to make an extra pit stop for gas during a caution period on lap 213.